Employee Post-Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses

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TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING MEMBER/OFFICER:

I have made a determination that the expenses set out above in connections with travel described in the Employee Pre-Travel Authorization form, are necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses as defined in Rule 35.

(Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer)

ATTACHMENT A

Private Sponsor(s) (list all):

Iowa Renewable Fuels Association

National Biodiesel Foundation

Renewable Fuels Foundation

Iowa Corn Growers Association

Iowa Soybean Association

Iowa Biodiesel Board

Missouri Corn Growers Association

North Dakota Ethanol Council

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Western Iowa Energy

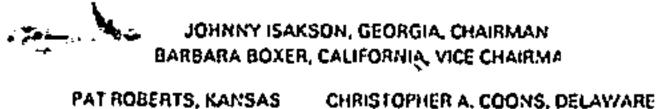
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EMPLOYEE PRE-TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION

Pre-Travel Filling Instructions: Complete and submit this form at least 30 days prior to the travel departure date to the Select Committee on Ethics in SH-220. Incomplete and late travel submissions will not be considered or approved. This form must be typed and is available as a fillable PDF on the Committee's website at ethics, senate, gov. Retain a copy of your entire pre-travel submission for your required post-travel disclosure.

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xplain how this trip is specifically connected to the tra	
The Senate is currently considering policy matter staffer who works on renewable energy issues, state-of-the-art biofuels facilities, research facilities Washington, DC.	ers that will impact the renewable fuels industry. As a Senate this tour will provide a hands-on, in-depth experience with lies & farming operations that is not possible to achieve in
Name of accompanying family member (if any): N/A Relationship to Employee: Spouse Child I certify that the information contained in this form is	true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge:
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an employee under my direct supervision, to accept prelated expenses for travel to the event described about duties as a Senate employee or an officeholder, and v	payment or reimbursement for necessary transportation, lodging, are leve. I have determined that this travel is in connection with his or level not create the appearance that he or she is using public office for player's spouse or child is appropriate to assist in the representation.
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DEBORAH S. MAYER, CHIEF COUNSEL AND STAFF DIRECTOR
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United States Senate

SELECT COMMITTEE ON ETHICS
HART SENATE OFFICE BUILDING, ROOM 220
SECOND AND CONSTITUTION AVENUE, NE
WASHINGTON, DC 20510-6425

August 12, 2016

Nathan J. Rider Office of Senator Christopher A. Coons United States Senate Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Rider:

This responds to your recent correspondence concerning an invitation received to travel to the Eighth Annual "Biofuels: Science and Sustainability" Tour, through parts of Iowa and Nebraska, on August 15-18, 2016, sponsored by the Iowa Renewable Fuels Association, the National Biodiesel Foundation, the Renewable Fuels Foundation, the Iowa Corn Growers Association, the Iowa Soybean Association, the Iowa Biodiesel Board, the Missouri Corn Growers Association, the North Dakota Ethanol Council, Renew Kansas, Farm Credit Services of America, the Association of Nebraska Ethanol Producers, the Kansas Soybean Association, Western Iowa Energy, and Southwest Iowa Renewable Energy (the Sponsors). The Sponsors have certified to the Select Committee on Ethics (the Committee) that they will pay the necessary expenses related to the travel and that they are neither lobbyists, nor lobbying firms, nor agents of a foreign principal, and they are not otherwise acting as representatives or agents of a foreign government. The Sponsors have also certified that they do not retain or employ registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, and that no registered lobbyist will accompany you at any point throughout your trip.

Based on information and materials available to the Committee, and assuming the actual travel and travel-related expenses conform to the information and materials you provided, it appears that the proposed payment or reimbursement of necessary expenses for this trip may be accepted under relevant Senate Rules and the Committee's Regulations and Guidelines for Privately-Sponsored Travel, so long as at the time of the payment or reimbursement, the Sponsors are neither registered lobbyists nor lobbying firms under the Lobbying Disclosure Act

Based on the information you submitted, the Committee understands that, for a personal purpose, you intend to extend your trip for one day before the beginning of the officially related events. You are personally responsible for any additional expenses incurred as a result of extending your trip.

² The term "necessary expenses" has a specific definition. See Select Committee on Ethics' Regulations and Guidelines for Privately-Sponsored Travel – Glossary of Terms at 8.

³ The term "any point throughout your trip" has a specific definition. See id. at 2.

of 1995, nor agents of a foreign principal under the Foreign Agents Registration Act (and are not otherwise acting as representatives or agents of a foreign government), and provided the travel and all required documents are disclosed to the Secretary of the Senate in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rules 34 and 35.

Under Senate Rule 35, Senate staff must receive advance authorization signed by the Member or officer under whose direct supervision the individual works in order to accept payment or reimbursement for necessary expenses related to fact-finding travel. Further, such authorization and expenses must be disclosed to the Secretary of the Senate by filing the completed Employee Pre-Travel Authorization and the Employee Post-Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses (Form RE-1 and Form RE-2), along with a copy of the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form, and all relevant attachments (e.g., the private sponsor's invitation and itinerary) within 30 days of the conclusion of Privately-Sponsored Travel.⁴

Finally, Senate Rule 34 requires a reporting individual, on his or her Financial Disclosure Report, to make an annual disclosure of the receipt of payments or reimbursements under Senate Rule 35 from a private sponsor for officially-related travel expenses where, in the aggregate, travel expenses exceed \$375 from that sponsor during a calendar year. However, if a Member, officer, or employee properly reports the receipt of necessary expenses for such travel to the Secretary of the Senate within 30 days of the travel, as discussed above, the travel expenses need not be disclosed a second time on their annual Financial Disclosure Report.

I hope you find this information helpful. If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Committee.

Sincerely,

Deborah Sue Mayer

Chief Counsel and Staff Director

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Enclosures: Travel Checklist

⁴ Trip extensions for any purpose do not extend this deadline.

⁵ A reporting individual is someone whose salary equals or exceeds 120% of the basic rate of pay for GS-15 (\$123,175 for CY 2016) or is a political fund designee and is required to file an annual Financial Disclosure Report.

PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM

This form must be completed by any private entity offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to Senate Members, officers, or employees (Senate Rule 35, clause 2). Each sponsor of a fact-finding trip must sign the completed form. The trip sponsor(s) must provide a copy of the completed form to each invited Senate traveler, who will then forward it to the Ethics Committee with any other required materials. The trip sponsor(s) should NOT submit the form directly to the Ethics Committee. Please consult the accompanying instructions for more detailed definitions and other key information.

The Senate Member, officer, or employee **MUST** also provide a copy of this form, along with the appropriate travel authorization and reimbursement form, to the Office of Public Records (OPR), Room 232 of the Hart Building, within thirty (30) days after the travel is completed.

1.	Sponsor(s) of the trip (please list all sponsors): See Attachment A
2.	Description of the trip:
3.	Dates of travel: August 15-18, 2016
4.	Place of travel: to Des Moines, Nevada, Ames, Wall Lake, Council Bluffs (in Iowa) & Omaha, NE
5.	Name and title of Senate invitees: See Attachment C
6.	 I certify that the trip fits one of the following categories: (A) The sponsor(s) are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and do not retain or employ registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee at any point throughout the trip.
7.	I certify that the trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal. - AND -
	I certify that the sponsor or sponsors will not accept funds or in-kind contributions earmarked directly or indirectly for the purpose of financing this specific trip from a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal or from a private entity that retains or employs one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal.
8.	I certify that: The trip will not in any part be planned, organized, requested, or arranged by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except for de minimis lobbyist involvement. - AND -
	The traveler will not be accompanied on the trip by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except as provided for by Committee regulations relating to lobbyist accompaniment (see question 9).

9.	USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 6(B) l certify that if the sponsor or sponsors retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, one of the following scenarios applies:
	 (A) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and one overnight stay) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member officer, or employee on any segment of the trip. OR -
	 □ (B) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and two overnight stays) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee on any segment of the trip (see questions 6 and 10). - OR -
	(C) The trip is being sponsored only by an organization or organizations designated under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee at any point throughout the trip.
10.	USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 9(B) If the trip includes two overnight stays, please explain why the second night is practically required for Senate invitees to participate in the travel:
11.	An itinerary for the trip is attached to this form. I certify that the attached itinerary is a detailed (hourby-hour), complete, and final itinerary for the trip.
12.	Briefly describe the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip:
	All sponsors have contributed to planning the Tour, and all sponsors will serve as hosts and/or presenters
	for different parts of the Tour.
13.	Briefly describe the stated mission of each sponsor and how the purpose of the trip relates to that mission: See Attachment D
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14.	Briefly describe each sponsor's prior history of sponsoring congressional trips:
	See Attachment E
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to visit a wide range o	of informative locations in	a timely manner.		
Name and location of	hotel or other lodging fa	cility:		
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	Describe how the daily expenses for lodging, meals, and other expenses provided to trip participants compares to the maximum per diem rates for official Federal Government travel:
	See Attachment H.
· .	Describe the type and class of transportation being provided. Indicate whether coach, business-class or first class transportation will be provided. If first-class fare is being provided, please explain why first-class travel is necessary:
	All travel (air and bus) will be coach class.
•	I represent that the travel expenses that will be paid for or reimbursed to Senate invitees do not include expenditures for recreational activities, alcohol, or entertainment (other than entertainment provided to all attendees as an integral part of the event, as permissible under Senate Rule 35).
	List any entertainment that will be provided to, paid for, or reimbursed to Senate invitees and explain why the entertainment is an integral part of the event: N/A
	I hereby <i>certify</i> that the information contained herein is true, complete and correct. (You must include the completed signature block below for each travel sponsor.):
	Signature of Travel Sponsor:
	Name and Title: Name of Organization: See Attachment I
	Address:
	Telephone Number:
	Fax Number:
	E-mail Address:

ATTACHMENT A

1. Sponsor(s) of the trip (please list all sponsors):

Iowa Renewable Fuels Association

National Biodiesel Foundation

Renewable Fuels Foundation

Iowa Corn Growers Association

Iowa Soybean Association

Iowa Biodiesel Board

Missouri Corn Growers Association

North Dakota Ethanol Council

Renew Kansas

Farm Credit Services of America

Association of Nebraska Ethanol Producers

Kansas Soybean Association

Western Iowa Energy

Southwest Iowa Renewable Energy

ATTACHMENT B

2. Description of the trip:

To enhance first-hand knowledge of agriculture, energy, and environmental issues by touring ethanol and biodiesel production facilities, family farms, manufacturing facilities, and research centers; and meeting with local, state and national experts to discuss ag and renewable fuels operations and policies.

Name	Title	Senate Office
Ali Nouri	Legislative Assistant	Al Franken MN
Michael Glotter	Energy Fellow	Al Franken MN
Blaise Sheridan	Legislative Assistant	Al Franken MN
Sarah Smith	Legislative Assistant	Amy Klobuchar MN
Anne Knapke	Energy LA	Amy Klobuchar MN
Jake Springer	Legislative Assistant	Angus King (ME)
Alesandra Najera	Legislative Assistant	Barbara Boxer CA
Kyle Chapman	_Legislative Assistant	Barbara Boxer CA
Michelle McGrain	Legislative Assistant	Barbara Mikulski MD
Gray Maxwell	Energy LA	Ben Cardin MD
Derrick Morgan	Legislative Assistant	Ben Sasse NE
Joel Wellum	Energy LA	Ben Sasse NE
Patrick Lehman	Legislative Assistant	Ben Sasse NE
Tyler Grassmeyer	Legislative Assistant	Ben Sasse NE
Katie Thomas	Policy Advisor	Bernard Sanders (VT)
Chris Gillott	Legislative Assistant	Bill Cassidy (LA)
Abby Tinsley	Energy LA	Bill Nelson FL
Erik Kamrath	Legislative Assistant	Bill Nelson FL
Liz Hermsen	Energy LA	Bob Casey PA
Hunter Bethea	Energy LA	Bob Corker TN
John Haley		Bob Corker TN
Jackie Schmitz	Legislative Assistant	Bob Menendez NJ
Jason Tuber	Legislative Assistant	Bob Menendez NJ
James Chang	Legislative Assistant	Brian Schatz HI
Michael Obeiter	Energy LA	Brian Schatz HI
Arun Revana	Legislative Assistant	Brian Schatz (HI)
Nathan Rider	Legislative Correspondent	Chris Coons DE
Franz Wuerfmannsdobler	Energy LA	Chris Coons DE
Michael Bednarczyk	Energy LA	Christopher Murphy CT
Andrew Brandt	Legislative Assistant	Chuck Grassley (IA)
Chris Conlin	Legislative Assistant	Chuck Grassley (IA)
Kurt Kovarik	Legislative Assistant	Chuck Grassley (IA)
Sean Byrne	Legislative Assistant	Chuck Schumer NY

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Legislative Assistant Legislative Assistant	Legislative Assistant	Professional Staff	Legislative Assistant	Legislative Assistant	Legislative Assistant	Legislative Assistant	Legislative Assistant	Counsel	Policy Analyst	Staff Director	Legislative Assistant	Legislative Assistant	Legislative Assistant	Legislative Assistant	Legislative Assistant	Legislative Assistant	Counsel	Professional Staff Member	Legislative Assistant	Legislative Assistant	Majority Counsel	Senior Counsel	Counsel	Senior Counsel	Majority Professional Staff	Legislative Assistant	Tax Counsel	Tax Counsel	Tax Counsel	Chief Counsel	Staff Director	Legislative Assistant
Brian Greer Pat Bond	Darin Guries	Mary Olive	James Glueck	Laura Sherman	Matt Erickson	Anthony Seiler	Katherine Thomas	Anne Hazlett	Kyle Varner	Joel Leftwich	Sean Babington	Kusai Merchant	Scott McKee	Brian Hughes	Nick Sutter	Kellie Donnelly	Lucy Murfitt	Jan Brunner	Clayton Allen	Joseph Mendelson	Brittany Bolen	Grant Cope	Kim Smaczniak	Tom Fox	Mandy Gunasekara	Erik Elam	Nick Wyatt	Jim Lyons	Ryan Abraham	Patrick Bailey	Robert Diznoff	Adam Zipkin

Jenniter Loraine	Energy LA	Cory Gardner CO
Curtis Swager	Legislative Director	Cory Gardner CO
Natalie Farr	Legislative Assistant	Cory Gardner CO
Philip Newman	Legislative Assistant	Cory Gardner (CO)
Phillip Pinegar	Legislative Assistant	Dan Coats IN
Jon Foltz	Legislative Assistant	Dan Coats IN
Viraj Mirani	Legislative Assistant	Dan Coats IN
Kate Wolgemuth	Legislative Assistant	Dan Sullivan AK
Danie! Hale	Legislative Assistant	David Perdue GA
Ward Cormier	Energy LA	David Vitter LA
Palmer Rafferty	Legislative Correspondent	David Vitter (LA)
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Jess Clowser	Legislative Assistant	Deb Fischer NE
Cicely Batie	Legislative Assistant	Deb Fischer (NE)
Aaron Suntag	Legislative Assistant	Debbie Stabenow MI
Matt Van Kuiken	Legislative Assistant	Debbie Stabenow (MI)
Tristan Colonius	Legislative Assistant	Dianne Feinstein CA
Trevor Higgins	Legislative Assistant	Dianne Feinstein CA
Daniel Green	Legislative Assistant	Edward Markey MA
Morgan Gray	Energy LA	Edward Markey MA
Ana Unruh Cohen	Energy LA	Edward Markey MA
Meghan McCafferty	Legislative Assistant	Elizabeth Warren MA
Bruno Freitas	Energy LA	Elizabeth Warren MA
Jordan Wells	Legislative Assistant	Gary Peters MI
Bentley Johnson	Energy LA	Gary Peters MI
Zephranie Buetow	Legislative Assistant	Gary Peters MI
Connor Corcoran	Legislative Correspondent	Gary Peters MI
David Weinberg	Legislative Assistant	Gary Peters MI
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Liam Forsythe	Energy LA	Heidi Heitkamp ND
Tyler Jameson	Legislative Assistant	Heidi Heitkamp ND
Monica Pham	Legislative Assistant	Jack Reed RI
tuke Holland	Energy LA	James Inhofe OK
Valerie Manak	Legislative Assistant	James Lankford OK

Ariel Marshall	Legislative Assistant	Jeanne Shaheen NH
Erica Anhalt	Legislative Assistant	Jeanne Shaheen NH
Brian McKeon	Legislative Director	Jeanne Shaheen (NH)
Lauren Stump	Legislative Fellow	Jeff Flake AZ
Chuck Podolak	Energy LA	Jeff Flake AZ
Becca Ward	Legislative Assistant	Jeff Merkley OR
Adrian Deveny	Energy LA	Jeff Merkley OR
Brandon Middleton	Energy LA	Jeff Sessions AL
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Tom Bush	Legislative Assistant	Jerry Moran KS
William Ruder	Energy LA	Jerry Moran KS
Dan Hillenbrand	Legislative Assistant	Jim Inhofe OK
Darren Parker	 Deputy Legislative Director 	Jim Risch ID
Melanie Steele	Energy LA	Jim Risch ID
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Wes Kungel	Energy LA	Joe Manchin WV
Justin Memmott	Legislative Assistant	John Barrasso WY
Kaitlynn Glover	Legislative Assistant	John Barrasso WY
Blake Rollins	Legislative Assistant	John Boozman 'AR
Philip Moore	Energy LA	John Boozman AR
John Porter	Legislative Assistant	John Cornyn TX
Laura Atcheson	Energy LA	John Cornyn TX
Taylor Weeks	Legislative Assistant	John Cornyn TX
Shawn Affolter	Energy LA	John Hoeven ND
Ryan Bernstein	Legislative Assistant	John Hoeven ND
Tony Eberhard	Legislative Assistant	John Hoeven ND
Nick Matiella	Legislative Assistant	John McCain AZ
Mark Delich	Energy LA	John McCain AZ
Jon Abdnor	Energy LA	John Thune SD
Brendon Plack	Legislative Director	John Thune (SD)
Jane Lucas	Legislative Director	John Thune (SD)
Ty Littau	Legislative Correspondent	John Thune (SD)
Brett Layson	Energy LA	Johnny Isakson GA
Henry Ring	Legislative Assistant	Jon Tester MT

Janelle DiLuccia	Energy LA	Jon Tester MT
Andrea Hechavarria	Legislative Assistant	Joni Ernst 1A
Devin Mogler	Legislative Assistant	Joni Ernst (IA)
Tony Frye	Legislative Assistant	Joni Ernst (IA)
Brian Simonsen	Legislative Assistant	Joni Ernst (IA)
Lisa Goeas	Chief of Staff	Joni Ernst (IA)
Andrew Healey	Legislative Assistant	Joni Ernst (IA)
Ryan Berger	Legislative Director	Joni Ernst (IA)
Kelsey Keegan	Energy LA	Kelly Ayotte NH
Eric Deeble	Legislative Assistant	Kirsten Gillibrand NY
Jordan Baugh	Energy LA	Kirsten Gillibrand NY
Keith Castaldo	Legislative Assistant	Kirsten Gillibrand (NY)
Lindsay Garcia	Energy LA	Lamar Alexander TN
Kayla McMurry	Legislative Assistant	Lamar Alexander TN
Jessica-Phillips Tyson	Legislative Assistant	Lindsey Graham SC
Matt Rimkunas	Energy LA	Lindsey Graham SC
Scott Graber	Legislative Aide	Lindsey Graham (SC)
Ephraim Froehlich	Legislative Assistant	Lisa Murkowski AK
Greg Bringhurst	Legislative Assistant	Lisa Murkowski AK
Michael Pawlowski	Chief of Staff	Lisa Murkowski AK
Sara Decker	Legislative Director	Marco Rubio (FL)
Travis Lumpkin	Chief of Staff	Maria Cantwell WA
Pete Modaff	Legislative Director	Maria Cantwell (WA)
Jon Vander Plas	Legislative Assistant	Mark Kirk IL
Sarah Higgins	Legislative Assistant	Mark Kirk IL
. Caitlin Runyan	Legislative Assistant	Mark Warner VA
Ken Johnson	Legislative Assistant	Mark Warner VA
Dan Alpert	Senior Legislative Assistant	Martin Heinrich NM
Jen Burks	Legislative Assistant	Mazie Hirono HI
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Casey Attebery	Legislative Assistant	Mike Crapo 1D
Sierra Forbes	Legislative Assistant	Mike Crapo ID
Alison McGuire	Legislative Assistant	Mike Enzi WY
Chris Prandoni	Energy LA	Mike Lee UT

Hannah Lockhart	Legislative Assistant	Mike Lee (UT)
Greg Rickman	Legislative Director	Mike Rounds SD
Michelle Corio	Legislative Correspondent	Mike Rounds SD
Amanda Tharpe	Energy LA	Mike Rounds SD
Katelyn Conner	Legislative Assistant	Mitch McConnell KY
Neil Chatterjee	Legislative Assistant	Mitch McConnell KY
Ed Cox	Energy LA	Orrin Hatch UT
John Tanner	Legislative Assistant	Orrin Hatch (UT)
Will Stafford	Legislative Assistant	Pat Roberts KS
Chris Allen	Legislative Assistant	Pat Roberts (KS)
Eric Stee	Legislative Assistant	Pat Roberts (KS)
Brett Doyle	Legislative Assistant	Pat Toomey PA
Adrienne Wojciechowski	Energy LA	Patrick Leahy VF
Jo Eckert	Legislative Assistant	Patty Murray (WA)
Kevin Stockert	Legislative Aide	Patty Murray (WA)
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William Henderson	Chief of Staff	Rand Paul KY
Aubrey Vaughan	Legislative Assistant	Rand Paul KY
Paige Agostin	Legislative Assistant	Rand Paul (KY)
Anna Yu	Energy LA	Richard Blumenthal CT
Lee Bobbitt	Legislative Assistant	Richard Burr NC
John McDonald	Energy LA	Richard Burr NC
Kevin Lefeber	Legislative Assistant	Richard Durbin
Jasmine Hunt	Legislative Assistant	Richard Durbin (IL)
Morgan Carter	Legislative Assistant	Richard Shelby AL
Dayne Cutrell	Energy LA	Richard Shelby AL
Sarah Pearce	Legislative Assistant	Rob Portman OH
Brandon Elsner	Legislative Assistant	Roger Wicker MS
Ellen Beares	Legislative Assistant	Roger Wicker MS
Meris Petek	Legislative Assistant	Ron Johnson WI
Wesley Look	Energy LA	Ron Wyden OR
Julia Bradley-Cook	Science Fellow	Ron Wyden OR
Sarah Bittleman	Legislative Director	Ron Wyden (OR)
Downey Magallanes	Energy LA	Roy Blunt MO

Aaron Goldner	Energy LA	Sheldon Whitehouse RI
Gifford Wong	Energy Fellow	Sheldon Whitehouse (RI)
Emily Enderle	Legislative Assistant	Sheldon Whitehouse (RI)
Jan Brunner	Energy LA	Shelley Capito WV
Jonathan McCracken	Legislative Assistant	Sherrod Brown OH
Dan Gerig	Legislative Assistant	Steve Daines MT
Meghan Marino	Energy LA	Steve Daines MT
Olivia Kurtz	Energy LA	Susan Collins ME
Olivia Kurtz	Legislative Assistant	Susan Collins (ME)
Colleene Thomas	Legislative Assistant	Tammy Baldwin WI
John Assini	Legislative Assistant	Tammy Baldwin WI
Ken Reidy	Policy Director	Tammy Baldwin (WI)
Ausitn Smithson	Energy LA	Ted Cruz TX
David Milstein	Legislative Assistant	Ted Cruz (TX)
Daniel Ulmer	Legislative Assistant	Thad Cochran MS
Mary Martha Henson	Legislative Assistant	Thad Cochran MS
Tim Wolverton	Legislative Assistant	Thad Cochran MS
James Moody	Legislative Aide	Thad Cochran MS
Lydia Collins	Legislative Assistant	Thad Cochran MS
Joe Nolan	Legislative Assistant	Thom Tillis · NC
Towers Mingledorff	Legislative Assistant	Thom Tillis NC
Ray Starling	Legislative Assistant	Thom Tillis (NC)
Laura Gillam	Energy LA	Thomas Carper DE
Nick Barbash	Legislative Assistant	Tim Kaine VA
Spencer Pederson	Legislative Assistant	Tim Scott SC
Rebecca Higgins	Legislative Assistant	Tom Carper DE
Laura Haynes	Legislative Assistant	Tom Carper (DE)
Lisa Harst	Legislative Assistant	Tom Cotton AR
Anthony Sedillo	Legislative Assistant	Tom Udall NM
Jonathan Black	Energy LA	Tom Udall NM
Andrew Wallace	Legislative Director	Tom Undall

ATTACHMENT D

13. Briefly describe the stated mission of each sponsor and how the purpose of the trip relates to that mission:

Iowa Renewable Fuels Association: improve the economic viability and growth of the renewable fuels industry in Iowa

National Biodiesel Foundation: to support and promote outreach, education, science, and demonstration activities for the advancement of biodiesel and its co-products to improve national security, air quality and the environment

Renewable Fuels Foundation: to meet the education, research, and strategic planning needs of the U.S. fuel ethanol industry

Iowa Corn Growers Association: a membership organization supporting agricultural issues on behalf of members; whose mission is to create opportunities for lowa corn grower profitability

Iowa Soybean Association: a membership organization recognized for excellence in enhancing long term sustainability of Iowa soybean farmers; ISA's mission is to expand opportunities and deliver results for Iowa soybean farmers

Iowa Biodiesel Board: representing the biodiesel industry in Iowa, from production through distribution to end users; promoting the commercial success of biodiesel in Iowa

Missouri Corn Growers Association: a membership organization supporting agricultural issues on behalf of its members, including promoting the production and use of renewable fuels

North Dakota Ethanol Council: brings together ethanol producers in North Dakota to help grow production and demand for ethanol

Renew Kansas: brings together ethanol producers in Kansas to help grow production and demand for ethanol

Farm Credit Services of America: is a mission-driven financial cooperative, uniquely positioned to serve farmers, ranchers and rural Americans with a powerful business model. They finance renewable energy projects and have an overall concern regarding the economic health of rural America.

Association of Nebraska Ethanol Producers: brings together ethanol producers in Nebraska to help grow production and demand for ethanol

Kansas Soybean Association: to serve as the voice and advocate for soybean-farmer-members, including expanding public awareness of the soybean markets.

Western Iowa Energy: is a BQ9000 biodiesel producer, and has the flexibility to turn multiple feedstocks into biodiesel due to a specialized pre-treatment facility.

Southwest Iowa Renewable Energy: is a locally controlled business enterprise providing farmers and local investors with the chance to extract added value through ownership of an ethanol processing plant that can convert corn to higher value products.

ATTACHMENT E

14. Briefly describe each sponsor's prior history of sponsoring congressional trips:

Iowa Renewable Fuels Association and Renewable Fuels Foundation have hosted the past seven years' Biofuels: Science and Sustainability Tours.

National Biodiesel Foundation and Iowa Corn Growers Association have occasionally hosted congressional briefings, including the past five years' Biofuels: Science and Sustainability Tours.

Iowa Soybean Association and Iowa Biodiesel Board have occasionally hosted congressional briefings, including three previous Biofuels: Science and Sustainability Tours.

Missouri Corn Growers Association has occasionally hosted congressional briefings, including the previous Biofuels: Science and Sustainability Tour.

Renew Kansas, Western Iowa Energy and North Dakota Ethanol Council have sponsored a previous Biofuels: Science and Sustainability Tour.

Southwest Iowa Renewable Energy, Association of Nebraska Ethanol Producers, and Farm Credit Services of America have not sponsored a previous Biofuels: Science and Sustainability Tour.

Kansas Soybean Association has occasionally hosted congressional briefings, but this is their first time sponsoring a Biofuels: Science and Sustainability Tour.

ATTACHMENT F

15. Briefly describe the educational activities performed by each sponsor (other than sponsoring congressional trips):

Iowa Renewable Fuels Association, Iowa Biodiesel Board, Renew Kansas, Association of Nebraska Ethanol Producers, and the North Dakota Ethanol Council host educational programs for their members and the public.

National Biodiesel Foundation develops and supports education and research projects consistent with the needs of the biodiesel industry.

Renewable Fuels Foundation develops ethanol curriculum and sponsors scholarships:

Iowa Corn Growers Association and Missouri Corn Growers conduct many activities to educate consumers and the public on corn issues.

Iowa Soybean Association and Kansas Soybean Association organizes many activities to educate consumers and the public on soybean issues.

Western Iowa Energy and Southwest Iowa Renewable Energy participate in numerous industry events to educate the public, investors or policy makers about the issues facing renewable fuels. They also occasionally host plant tours for schools or the public.

Farm Credit Services of America conducts a community involvement program, which provides funding and resources to a variety of organizations that support agricultural causes. The program is focused on making a positive difference in the communities they serve.

ATTACHMENT G

19. Name and location of hotel or other lodging facility:

Aug. 15 Holiday Inn 8789 Plum Drive Urbandale, IA 50322

Aug. 16 Cobblestone Inn 7013 N. Chestnut Street Avoca, IA 51521

Aug. 17 Courtyard Omaha Downtown 101 South 10th Street Omaha, NE 68102

ATTACHMENT H

21. Describe how the daily expenses for lodging, meals, and other expenses provided to trip participants compares to the maximum per diem rates for official Federal Government travel:

The combined per diem for the four days of the Tour is \$532. Our estimated lodging and meal expenses for the Tour total \$523. So over the length of the entire Tour our estimated lodging and meal costs are in line with maximum per diem rates.

Monday per diem in Des Moines for hotel and food is \$160. Our estimated hotel and food costs are \$207. It should be noted that we hold the Tour each year during the week of the Iowa State Fair. The Fair represents an unparalleled opportunity to view a number of renewable fuels and agricultural exhibits in one location and to discuss the latest trends, research and practices with industry experts and Iowa's highest elected officials. However, the Fair attracts a large number of visitors to the city and area hotels sell out and charge their highest rates of the year. In addition, between congressional staff, Administration participants, and a handful of sponsoring organization staff, the Tour requires a room block of between 35 to 40 rooms. The typical per diem rate listed for Des Moines does not take into account the Fair and, just as important, that securing a 40 room block can be difficult with the typical hotels in Des Moines. IRFA searched extensively in the Des Moines area for an affordable room block on August 15th. The Holiday Inn listed in Attachment G was the best deal we could find. While the rate is higher than normal due to the fair, this is a nice, but certainly not extravagant hotel.

<u>Tuesday</u> per diem in Iowa for hotel and food is \$140. Our estimated hotel and food costs are \$120.

<u>Wednesday</u> per diem in Omaha for hotel and food is \$168. Our estimated hotel and food costs are \$181. We contacted 4 hotels near the Tour locations that are big enough to accommodate the Tour room block. The Courtyard listed in Attachment G was the most affordable option with enough available rooms.

Thursday per diem in Omaha for food is \$64. Our estimated food costs are \$15.

ATTACHMENT I

25. I hereby certify that the information contained herein is true, complete, and correct. (You must include the completed signature block below for each travel sponsor.):

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Signature of Travel Sponsor:

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Name and Title 7 Name and Title: Ron Seeber, Vice President

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2016 Biofuels Tour Agenda

Monday, August 15

4:19 pm Participant Flights Arrive at Des Moines International Airport

(Delta Flt #1532)

(Bus will pick-up participants outside baggage claim)

5800 Fleur Drive, Des Moines, IA 50321

5:00 pm Check-in to hotel

Holiday Inn, 8789 Plum Drive, Urbandale, IA 50322

5:30 pm Depart hotel for Iowa State Fair

3000 East Grand Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50317

6:15 pm Dinner at Iowa State Fair

Address by Iowa Governor Terry Branstad and Iowa Secretary of

Agriculture Bill Northey

lowa Beef Cattlemen's Headquarters

7:30 pm Tour Ag and Renewable Fuel Exhibits

10:00 pm Depart for hotel

Lodging Holiday Inn 8789 Plum Drive, Urbandale, IA 50322 515-278-9000

Tuesday, August 16

7:00 am	Breakfast at hotel
8:00 am	Depart hotel for DuPont Cellulosic Ethanol 59219 W. Lincoln Highway, Nevada, IA 50201
8:45 am	Tour of DuPont Cellulosic Ethanol Jan Koninckx, Global Business Director - Biofules, DuPont; 302-252-7092
9:15 am	Depart for Iowa State University (ISU) Field Extension Education Laboratory 1928 240th Street, Boone, IA 50036
9:30 am	Tour ISU Field Extension Education Laboratory Andy VanLoocke, Assist. Professor, Department of Agronomy Perennial Crops for Biofuels and Environmental Services Deborah Aller, PhD Student, Department of Agronomy Biochar Utilization Tim Youngquist, Department of Agronomy STRIPS Project
11:00 am	Depart for ISU Biocentury Research Farm 1327 U Ave, Boone, Iowa 50036
11:15 am	Tour of ISU BioCentury Research Farm Andy Suby, Biomass Processing Facility Manager
Noon	ISU BioCentury Research Farm – Lunch and Learn Matt Helmers, Professor of Ag/Biosystems Engineering Iowa Nutrient Management Strategies: What Works Robert Brown, Director of ISU Bioeconomy Institute Role of Agriculture in Carbon REMOVAL Strategies
2:00 pm	Depart for Western Iowa Energy 1220 S. Center Street, Wall Lake, IA 51466
3:45 pm	Biodiesel Policy Update Ben Evans, National Biodiesel Board
4:15 pm	Tour of Western Iowa Energy biodiesel plant Brad Wilson, General Manager; 515-370-3486
5:45 pm	Depart for The Still 109 N. Main Street, Templeton, Iowa 51463

6:30 pm Dinner at The Still

(712) 669-9445 or 712-830-6936

8:00 pm Depart for hotel

Lodging Cobblestone Inn 7013 N. Chestnut Street Avoca, IA 51521 712-307-6006

Wednesday, August 17

8:00 am	Breakfast at hotel
9:00 am	Depart hotel for Ross Family Farms 25426 320th St, Minden, IA 51553
9:30 am	Tour of Ross Family Farms Kevin and Sara Ross
11:30 am	Congressional Staff Roundtable: 114th Congress Biofuels/Energy Policy Outlook
12:15 pm	Lunch with local farmers
1:15 pm	Depart for Southwest Iowa Renewable Energy 10868 189th Street, Council Bluffs, IA 51503
2:00 pm	Tour of Southwest Iowa Renewable Energy ethanol plant Brian Cahill, CEO
3:30 pm	Tour of Corn Oil 1 Joe Riley, CEO
4:00 pm	Tour of Air Products Inc. CO2 facility
4:30 pm	Ethanol Policy Update Geoff Cooper, Renewable Fuels Association
5:15 pm	Depart for Courtyard Omaha Downtown 101 South 10th Street, Omaha, NE 68102
5:30 pm	Check-in to hotel

6:15 pm Depart for dinner (10-15 minute walk)

6:30 pm <u>Dinner at Omaha Prime</u>

415 S. 11th St, Omaha, NE 68102; (402) 341-7040

8:00 pm Return to hotel

Lodging

Courtyard Omaha Downtown 101 South 10th Street Omaha, NE 68102 402-346-2200

Thursday, August 18

7:30 am	Breakfast at hotel
8:30am	Depart hotel for Gavilon DDGs facility 3128 Harry Langdon Blvd, Council Bluffs, IA 51503
9:00 am	Tour of Gavilon DDGs trans-load facility Jim O'Donnel, Container Terminal Regional Manager, 402-677-7620
10:00 am	Depart for Kum and Go retail fueling station 11205 Wickersham Blvd, Gretna, NE 68028
10:30 am	Visit Kum and Go retail fueling station (biodiesel, E15, E85) Jim Pirolli, Vice President - Fuels
11:00 am	Depart for Green Plains, Inc. 450 Regency Parkway, Suite 400, Omaha, NE 68114
11:30 am	Tour of Green Plains corporate headquarters/trading pit Steve Bleyl, Executive Vice President – Ethanol Marketing
Noon	<u>Lunch and Learn – Tour Wrap-up</u> Monte Shaw, IRFA Executive Director
1:30 pm	Depart for Eppley Airfield (Omaha Airport) 4501 Abbott Drive, #2300, Omaha, NE 68110
2:00 pm	Arrive at airport
3:28 pm	Flights depart for DC (Delta flight #1779)

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